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beaches in the country including internationally famous sea beaches of Goa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) to (c) State Governments are owners of minerals and grant mining leases. Sand is controlled by respective State Governments, subject to Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991 for protection and conservation of the coastal environment. As per available information, extraction of sand from sea coast has been banned in Goa.

Per Capita Iron Ore Resources

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SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that per capita reserves of iron ore is around 22 tonnes in the country whereas the same has been assessed about 2000 tonnes in Australia and Brazil,

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Indian steel industry is playing a successful role in international market by using the iron ore and adding value addition to the same; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) and (b) As per available information the per capita resources of iron ore in India, Australia and Brazil are currently calculated at 23 tonnes, 1991 tonnes and 328 tonnes respectively.

(c) and (d) As per available information, finished steel production in the country in 2004-05 was 42.3 million tonnes and the country exported 6.75 million tonnes of iron and steel during the same period. As per provisions of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, the State Government, in case of multiple applicants for a mineral concession, may give preference to a value-adder in granting mineral

concession.

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